

**Bell Central School HP
AML Reclamation Project
Bell County, KY
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The Bell Central School HP AML Reclamation Project was selected for the OSMRE 2017 Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Appalachian Region Award.

This project is located about three miles south of Pineville, KY. The project developed in response to a 2010 request for DAML assistance with a serious landslide that was undermining the school access road, parking area, sidewalks and facility illumination system.

The Division of Abandoned Mine Lands determined that the landslide and the related problems were linked to eligible, underground mining drainage. A comprehensive reclamation plan was designed and approved in the late spring of 2014.

A \$2,132,348.00 contract was awarded to Jackson and Jackson Reclamation Services, INC. of Fall Rock, KY for the following: 1. Stabilization and reclamation of the aforementioned landslide. 2. Re-construction of the affected school access road, parking lot and sidewalks. 3. Total re-vegetation of the project disturbance.

Construction work began on August 20, 2014 and was successfully completed on August 10, 2015. The goals and objectives of the project were fully met. The landslide was abated in a timely manner and all work was completed, under budget, for a total cost of \$1,922,416.18.

The Jackson and Jackson contractors produced excellent results from start to finish, with no disruption to the school programs or to their extra-curricular activities and sporting events. It was an honor and a privilege to work closely with Mr. Jackson and his fine construction crew throughout the life of the Bell Central HP Reclamation Project.

I am also very grateful for the unwavering support and technical assistance from our DAML construction specialists, engineers and management personnel. When it was all said and done, it was the combined, cooperative efforts of the contractor and the DAML project management team that resulted in a noteworthy success story at the Bell Central School.